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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Systems, methods, and computer program products are described herein for managing computer system resources. A plurality of modules (e.g., virtual machines or other applications) may be allocated across multiple computer system resources (e.g., processors, servers, etc.). Each module is assigned a priority level. Furthermore, a designated utilization level is assigned to each resource of the computer system. Each resource supports one or more of the modules, and prioritizes operation of the supported modules according to the corresponding assigned priority levels. Furthermore, each resource maintains operation of the supported modules at the designated utilization level.

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